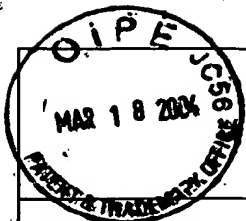


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1. Transmitted herewith for filing in the above identified patent application is a Response to an Office Action dated October 16, 2003.
2. Applicants respectfully request a two month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2003 for which a response period expiring on January 16, 2004 was set. The extended period expires on March 16, 2004.
3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of **\$210.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.
4. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

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